

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT November 27, 2016

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Mass Intentions this week

Please note: Weekday Masses are celebrated in the Rectory Chapel unless otherwise indicated.


Nov. 29 to Dec. 4

Tuesday 7:00 pm Mass at St. Pius X Church for Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus. All are welcome!

Wednesday 12:noon †Alyce Kennaly

Friday 12:noon Intentions of Martin Johnston and a Mass of Thanksgiving

Saturday 5:00 pm †Francesco & Esterina Tamilia, Maria Quatrini, Santino Berardi, Maria DiPaolo, Olga Kovach, Ostap Shurko, Laura Ligori,

 **Sanctuary Lamp** this week: the Intentions of Roberto & Maria Venditti, and repose of their Souls. Requests accepted by placing an envelope with the name of loved one and a donation of \$10 in the collection basket.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, November 28	Rev. Pablito Labado
Tuesday, November 29	Rev. Robert Dunn
Wednesday, November 30	Society of the Catholic Apostolate
Thursday, December 1	Rev. Scott Whitfield
Friday, December 2	Very Rev. Ian Duffy
Saturday, December 3	Rev. Joseph Durkacz

OFFERTORY: Thank you!

Sunday Envelopes:	\$4125.75
Loose Collections:	\$ 565.75
Average Weekly Preauthorized	<u>\$ 485.00</u>
Total Weekly Offering Nov. 13, 2016	\$5176.50

Budget expenses for the week \$4265.00

RCIA! means: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

This Spiritual process is for adults seeking full Communion in the Roman Catholic Church. This may entail Baptism if the person has never been Baptized. Those Baptized in another Christian Communion are welcome – they would celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil in 2017. Wednesday evenings 6:30 – 8 pm in the Rectory.

We happily have nine Candidates for the RCIA this year. What we need are a few more team members to walk the Faith Journey with these folks seeking full Communion in our faith. If you would like to give a presentation or two, that would be welcomed. Please call the office!

MEDITATION

A new beginning! Exciting words – a chance to start over with a clean slate. Who wouldn't relish the possibility of starting over and getting it right?

The First Sunday of Advent is the Church's way of announcing the beginning of a new liturgical year – and this Sunday the beginning of the three-year cycle of Sunday readings. Today's readings give us a recipe for how to "get it right," not just for ourselves but for the whole world.

Advent is a time of expectant preparation for the celebration of Christmas. We observe it as a season of prayer, fasting and repentance – the ways Christians "start over."

In a sense it is also the beginning of the rest of our life. The readings give us the key for how to live in this moment and for all time in peace and harmony.

The words of the prophet Isaiah tell of the coming of a judge who will help people from all nations to surrender their weapons and make peace. And in that peace, we are told to choose light over darkness. That light is the coming of Christ, for whom we "must be ready, for the son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Exciting? Indeed – a message of hope – the coming of a Saviour and the key to preparing for eternity.

Patrick M. Doyle, Carleton Place, On
Novalis, Living with Christ

SACRAMENTAL Preparation:

Registration forms for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation are ready for pick up at the back of the Church.

Please bring the completed form, along with a **copy** of the child's Baptism form to our office: (unless he/she was Baptized here).

According to our Diocesan guidelines, First Reconciliation and First Communion are celebrated with children in grade 2 or higher, and Confirmation with grade 7 or higher.

NB: * No Registration Forms will be accepted after Christmas.

2016 LIVING WITH CHRIST SUNDAY MISSALS

The new 2016 "Living with Christ" Sunday Missals have arrived! The missals become effective on the first Sunday of Advent, **November 27, 2016**. They can be purchased after Mass. Cost is \$5.00 each.

PARISH COFFEE, today immediately following the 9:30 am Mass.

C.W.L. NEWS

Membership Drive – Catholic Women’s League Membership Renewal is coming to an end!! You can still renew your 2017 C.W.L. Membership.

Renewal dues are \$21.00 either by cash or cheque.

If you wish to join the St. Basil Catholic Women’s League, please call Pat Renaud at (519)753-3716.

Be assured your interest and support is important.

It is the united voice of **ALL** Catholic Women that matter. Thank you, Pat Renaud.

ADVENT MASS & POT LUCK DINNER

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12TH, 2016

Please mark this date on your calendar!

Mass at 6:00 pm in the Church, followed by Pot Luck in the Hall. Bring your favourite dish – Casserole, Salad, Dessert, etc... **ALSO**, your own dishes and cutlery.

Come out and enjoy an evening of Faith, Food and Fellowship.

PARISH CALENDARS:

Thanks to a grant from our Bishop, we can distribute our beautiful calendars for **FREE!**

Here is the **challenge**: now that you have your own, **witness** to your faith by finding someone in your neighbourhood who is Catholic and needs to be invited to come **home!** Evangelization = “each one reach one”

Do you have the **courage** of your convictions?

Do you want to put your faith into **action?**

Don’t just **think** about it, **do it!** Thank you, Fr. Earl

We thank **Mr. Stephen MacNeil** for his many hours of work put into assembling this calendar!

PRAYER INTENTION FOR VOCATIONS

Loving Father, bless Your church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers, and sisters. Give those whom You are calling to the married state and those You are choosing to live as single persons in the world the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of Your Son so that through Him, and in Him, we may love You more deeply and serve You more faithfully.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord Amen.

ITALIAN CULTURE CLUB – Day Wellness Centre, St. Joseph’s Lifecare Centre. Join us in the celebration of all things Italy! Biscotti, Espresso, Scopa, Briscola, Italian Music, and much more When: Thursdays from 1 – 3 pm at St. Joseph’s Day Wellness Centre, 99 Wayne Gretzky Cost \$15.00. Registration/Inquiries: (519)751-7096, ext 3315.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you wish to make a donation towards the cost of flowers in the Church at Christmas, please place your donation in an envelope and mark “Christmas Flowers” with your name or envelope number on it. Many thanks!

QUOTE OF THE DAY

The Lord measures out perfection neither by the multitude nor the magnitude of our deeds, but by the manner in which we perform them.

St. John of the Cross

Shoe Box Campaign

On behalf of the shoe box committee, I would like to thank-you the parishioners of St. Basil's for your generous support. We sent off 150 shoe boxes, and 3 large boxes for orphanages. Special thanks to Louise Connell, Donna Kane, CarolAnn Westbrook, Barb Hewitt, and Pat Renaud. Thanks to Fran and Bryan DeRosse for transportation and to Dave MacIver for delivering the boxes to Toronto. There they will be sent out by (Canadian Food for Children). You have all made Christmas a lot brighter for these Children. May you all have a blessed Christmas. Your Shoe Box Committee.

VOCATIONS

“They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.” If God is calling you to ministerial service, contact Fr. Michael King, Director of vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. E-mail: mking@hamiltondiocese.com.

Hamilton Serra Club

Knights of Columbus

St Basil Council #13442 **Meeting** Tuesday Dec. 13, 2016 in the Rectory at 7:00 PM after **6:30 PM Mass** in the Chapel. Grand Knight, Bill Kane.

Tel # 519-752-1331 E-mail: wkane@sympatico.ca

PRAYERS Please pray for our Bishops and priests as they enter the Season of Advent with a day of prayer – on Tuesday or Wednesday this week.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

- A penny saved is a government oversight.
- The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends.
- The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.
- Life isn't tied with a bow... but it's still a gift.